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Our Case No. 9281-4147
Client Reference No. FC US99065

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hideki Masudaya)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Vehicle-Mounted Input Unit for)
Centralized Operation of Various)
Vehicle-Mounted Electronic Devices)
with Single Manual Manipulator)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 12 and ending on page 7, line 6 as follows:

(Amended) However, where such a configuration is used, if an excessively strong force is applied to the manual manipulator 110, the engaging pin 160 will strike against an end of the guide groove 141 to subject the manual manipulator 110 to a heavy impact. This might not only make the operator feel unpleasant but also makes it impossible for the function regulating speed of the vehicle-mounted electric device to be appropriately controlled by regulating the quantity of the manipulation of the manual manipulator 110. Thus, in the configuration of the vehicle-mounted input unit 100 according to the prior art, the functional regulation of the selected vehicle-mounted electric device is accomplished by manipulating the rotary variable resistors